

Fort Lyon Supportive Housing Initiative

A Collaborative and Innovative Project to:

- 1) Help end veteran homelessness
- 2) Reduce chronic homelessness throughout Colorado
- 3) Sustain an economic driver for southeastern Colorado



PROGRAM UPDATES: NOVEMBER 15, 2013

- 68 total current residents referred from statewide partners including the following regions:
 - Colorado Springs
 - Greeley
 - Pueblo
 - Grand Junction
 - Ft. Collins
 - Denver Metro
- 10 Veterans (or 15%)
- 58 of the current residents are enrolled in 51 different pre-employment modules (these modules include: cleaning, maintenance, staffing the incentive store, working on the chicken farm, in the library, sewing, etc)
- 10 residents scheduled for GED testing and enrollment with Otero Junior College (OJC) this month
- 13 residents have applied to begin post-secondary education classes starting in January at OJC
- 40 of the residents have achieved more than 30 days of sobriety
- 12 of the residents have achieved more than 60 days of sobriety
- Based on referral pipeline program is on track to meet the goal of 100 residents by the end of the year
- 7 agencies have been selected by DOLA to be a part of the statewide referral network for Ft. Lyon **beginning December 1st**, which will identify and refer individuals, but also coordinate community re-integration when residents return. Referral network agencies cover the following regions: *Southwest Colorado, Western Slope, Colorado Springs, Denver Metro, Northern Colorado, and Boulder.*
- As part of the first step in the re-integration process, Ft. Lyon staff have worked with 11 residents to arrange for them to visit their families for the Thanksgiving Holiday
- The Colorado Coalition for the Homeless received notice last week that it has received a New Access Point grant from the Health Resource Services Administration (HRSA) for health care for the homeless services at Fort Lyon.